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SUBJ: GOE DELEGATION TO 31ST UNGA

REF: (A) STATE 180074, (B) QUITO 445

1. THE GOE DELEGATION TO THE 31 ST UNGA WILL BE HEADED BY FONMIN ARMANDO PESANTES DURING HIS PRESENCE IN NEW YORK (SEPT. 27-OCT.1), AND AT OTHER TIMES BY RECENTLY-NAMED UN AMBASSADOR ALBORNOZ. IN ADDITION TO ALBORNOZ, THE DELEGATION WILL INCLUDE AMBASSADOR GUSTAVO RUALES, AMBASSADOR GONZALO APUNTE, AUGUSTO PEREZ ANDA, AND ALFONSO TRUJILLO. IN ADDITION, MARIO ALEMAN, JENNY ALMEIDA, PAULINA GARCIA, RODRIGO YEPEZ (ALL OF ECUADOR'S PERMANET UN MISSION) AND EDWIN JOHNSON (RECENTLY ASSIGNED TO THE GOE WASHINGTON EMBASSY) WILL BE IN ATTENDANCE. AVAILABOE BIO INFORMATION ON DELEGATION FOLLOWS: FYI--THIS LIST WAS SUPPLIED TO EMBOFFS CONFIDENTIALLY BY AUGUSTO PEREZ ANDA, THE FONMIN CHIEF OF UN AFFAIRS,AND HAS NOT YET BEEN APPROVED BY THE SUPREME GOVERNING COUNCIL WHILE APPROVAL OF THE FONMIN LIST IS EXPECTED TO BE AUTOMATIC, WE WILL REPORT ANY CHANGES THAT DO OCCUR. END FYI.

2. ARMANDO PESANTES GARCIA. THE NAMING OF PESANTES AS
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FONMIN IN JANUARY 1976 WAS THE CULMINATION OF A DISTINGUISHED

THIRTY-YEAR DIPLOMATIC CAREER. HE HAS THE LONGEST TENURE OF ANY CURRENT ECUADOREAN AMBASSADOR, HAVING SERVED AS AMBASSADOR TO PERU, BRAZIL, GUATEMALA, CANADA, BELGIUM, HOLLAND, AND THE EEC. HE HAS ALSO SERVED IN THE FOREIGN MINISTRY AS CHIEF OF PROTOCOL AND SUB-SECRETARY. HE IS 61 YEARS OLD AND SPEAKS ENGLISH. HE HAS BEEN FRIENDLY AND COOPERATIVE TOWARD THE US BUT ALSO IS A STRONG NATIONALIST (SEE REF B FOR MORE DETAILED BIO INFORMATION).

3. MIGUEL ALBORNOZ. WE ARE NOT FAMILIAR WITH ALBORNOZ AS HE HAS SPENT MOST OF HIS CAREER OUTSIDE OF ECUADOR. PRIOR TO BEING NAMED AMBASSADOR TO THE UN, HE WAS A UN OFFICIAL IN BUENOS AIRES. HE ALSO APPARENTLY SPENT A PERIOD OF TIME AS AN ADVISOR TO FORMER OAS SEC GEN GALO PLAZA. A FONMIN CONTACT STATED THAT ALBORNOZ WAS BEING "REINCORPORATED" INTO THE FONMIN, SO WE ASSUME THAT ALBORNOZ HAS SERVED IN THE FONMIN OR ABROAD ON DIPLOMATIC MISSION PREVIOUSLY, BUT WE HAVE NO DETAILS OF THAT EXPERIENCE. HE IS IN HIS 60S AND SPEAKS ENGLISH. WE HAVE LITTLE INFORMATION ON HIS ATTITUDES BUT HE HAS BEEN DESCRIBED AS "REASONABLE."

4. GUSTAVO DIALES VIEL. RUALES HOLDS THE RANK OF AMBASSADOR AND IS CURRENTLY DIRECTOR OF POLITICAL AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS AT THE FONMIN (THE NUMBER THREE POSITION AT THE FONMIN). BEFORE THIS HE WAS DIRECTOR OF THE FOREIGN SERVICE. AT 42, HE IS ONE OF THE YOUNGEST AND ALSO ONE OF THE BRIGHTEST SENIOR FONMIN OFFICIALS. HE SPEAKS LIMITED ENGLISH. HE IS REGARDED AS FRIENDLY TO THE US.

5. GONZALO APUNTE CABALLERO. APUNTE IS ONE OF THE MORE SENIOR AND RESPECTED DIPLOMATS IN ECUADOR. HE HOLDS THE RANK OF AMBASSADOR, HAVING SERVED AS AMBASSADOR IN URUGUAY (WHERE HE WAS ALSO ALALC DELEGATE) AND AUSTRIA (AND CONCURRENTLY IN ROMANIA). HE HAS EXTENSIVE EXPERIENCE IN INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION AFFAIRS; HE SERVED BOTH IN FONMIN INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION AFFAIRS POSITIONS AND AS A MEMBER OF THE ECUADOREAN DELEGATION TO THE UN (1050-56). HE IS 58 YEARS OLD AND SPEAKS ENGLISH. HE HAS BEEN DESCRIBED AS "COOPERATIVE AND BALANCED IN HIS ATTITUDE TOWARD THE US." HE IS CONSERVATIVE IN MANNER
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AND PROTOCOL CONSCIOUS, INSISTING ON BEING ADDRESSED AS AMBASSADOR.

6. AUGUSTO PEREZ ANDA ALVEAR. PEREZ ANDA IS DIRECTOR OF THE INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS SECTION OF THE FONMIN AND HAS A LONG DIPLOMATIC CAREER INCLUDING EIGHT YEARS IN THE ECUADOREAN CONSULATE IN NEW YORK. HE IS 50 YEARS OLD AND SPEAKS ENGLISH. HE IS REGARDED AS FRIENDLY

TO THE US AND HAS ALWAYS TREATED EMBOFFS WITH FRANKNESS
AND COURTESY. ALTHOUGH VERY PERSONABLE AND COMPETENT,
PEREZ ANDA IS NOT A PERSON OF GREAT INFLUENCE IN THE
FONMIN.

7. ALFONSO TRUJILLO BUSTAMANTE.

ALTHOUGH IT MAY SEEM SOMEWHAT STRANGE THAT TRUJILLO,
THE GOVERNOR OF GUAYAS (GUAYAQUIL) PROVINCE HAS BEEN NAMED
TO THE UN DELEGATION, IT IS TRADITIONAL THAT A REPRESENT-
ATIVE OF THE COAST BE INCLUDED IN THE UN DELEGATION.
IN ADDITION (AND PERHAPS MORE IMPORTANTLY), TRUJILLO IS
A COUSIN OF FONMIN PESANTES. EXCEPT FOR A SHORT STINT
AS CONSUL IN PARIS, TRUJILLO HAS BEEN A LAWYER IN PUBLIC
AND PRIVATE PRACTICE IN GUAYAQUIL. HE IS 45 YEARS OLD
AND REPORTEDLY SPEAKS ENGLISH. WE HAVE NO INFORMATION
REGARDING HIS ATTITUDE TOWARD THE US, ALTHOUGH HE DID
SERVE AT ONE TIME AS GENERAL MANAGER OF A US-OWNED FISH
CANNING COMPANY.
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